

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): A disc cartridge comprising:

a disc; and

a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein and including a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a portion of said disc to outside across inner and outer rims of said disc, wherein an entrance part for a head unit provided to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus is formed in continuation to said recording and/or reproducing aperture, for entrance of at least a portion of said head part, and wherein a lateral surface of said entrance part for said head unit is an inclined surface for inhibiting abutment against said head part.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 15 wherein said entrance part for said head unit is an opening continuing to said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 15 wherein said inclined surface is formed on an opposite side to a side continuing to said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 15 wherein said entrance part for said head unit is formed as a recess.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 19 further comprising

a shutter unit for opening/closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture; and
said entrance part for said head unit is formed in a surface on which slides said shutter unit in continuation to said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 20 wherein
a bent part for closing a space produced between a shutter member of said shutter unit and said entrance part for said head unit when said shutter unit has been moved to a position of closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed on one side of the shutter member closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 18 wherein
a recessed shutter slide part is formed in an area of a surface of said main cartridge body unit, on which slides a shutter member, and wherein
said entrance part for said head unit is formed as a recess of a depth deeper than the depth of said shutter slide part.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising a disc;

a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein and including a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a portion of said disc to outside across inner and outer rims of said disc;

a cartridge loading unit for loading a disc cartridge thereon, said disc cartridge including a recess continuing to said recording and/or reproducing aperture; and

recording and/or reproducing means for recording and/or reproducing the information for the disc housed in said disc cartridge; wherein

when said recording and/or reproducing means is introduced via said recording and/or reproducing aperture for recording and/or reproducing the information for said disc, a portion of said recording and/or reproducing means is introduced into said recess, wherein a lateral surface of said recess is an inclined surface for inhibiting abutment against the portion of said recording and/or reproducing means.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said recording and/or reproducing means is composed of an objective lens and an optical block, and wherein

when said objective lens is introduced via said recording and/or reproducing aperture for recording and/or reproducing the information for said disc, said optical block is introduced into said recess.

Claims 25-28 (cancelled)

Claim 29 (previously presented): The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of Claim 23 wherein said inclined surface is formed on an opposite side to a side continuing to said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 30 (canceled)